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The Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to MFA Director General Fatiha Selmane on March 5 and asked for Algerian support for the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council. The Ambassador stressed the U.S. commitment to human rights and principled diplomacy, and Selmane said she would promptly pass the demarche to her colleague at the General Directorate for Political Affairs and International Security. Separately, USA desk officer Ali Drouiche told us the MFA was "pleased" with what it perceived to be the Obama Administration's renewed emphasis on human rights.  
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